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June 3, 2011

TO: MTC Planning Committee

**ABAG Administration Committee** 

FR: Executive Director, MTC

Executive Director, ABAG

RE: Summary of Spring 2011 Plan Bay Area Public Comments

This spring, MTC and ABAG conducted 10 public workshops (one in each of the nine Bay Area counties, plus an added Oakland workshop to accommodate the high level of interest from the public). The 10 forums were conducted in partnership with a group known as Envision Bay Area, which received a grant from the Knight Foundation to promote public participation in development of Plan Bay Area. The group, led by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, with assistance from Greenbelt Alliance and others, developed an interactive web tool — dubbed "You Choose, Bay Area" — which walked participants through a priority-setting exercise about future land development and housing growth. A version of that tool was adapted for use in the workshops, which also sought public comment on proposed "place types" for locally designated Priority Development/Conservation areas, as well as on transportation investment options and potential policy initiatives.

In addition to the public workshops, staff also briefed local elected officials and planning staffs in all nine counties. We contracted with 14 community-based organizations in low-income communities and communities of color to involve residents in those communities in the Plan Bay Area dialogue. These groups used a variety of methods to survey residents. Please see Attachment 1 for a complete list of all the workshops, briefings and community events conducted this spring. Attachment 2 includes a summary of priorities expressed by workshop participants at the regional level, and Attachment 3 breaks down priorities by county.

At your June 10 meeting, we will provide an overview of all the public engagement activities, a summary of key themes heard at these workshops and events — including comments from community-based organizations and web-based results — in order to help inform your upcoming decision on alternative scenarios for Plan Bay Area.

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Attachments

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# Spring 2011 Plan Bay Area Public Workshops and Events

**Briefings for Elected Officials and Local Planning Staff** 

County	City	Group	Date and Time
		Elected Officials - Central County	March 16, 2011 5:30 pm
Alameda	San Leandro	(CTC)	
	Newark	Elected Officials - South County	March 19, 2011 8:30 am
	Alameda	Elected Officials - North County	March 24, 2011 1:00 pm
	Dublin	Elected Officials - East County	March 24, 2011 5:30 pm
	Sunol	Elected Officials	May 14, 2011 10:00 am
	Hayward	County Planning Directors (ACTC TAWG)	March 18, 2011 11:30 am
Contra Costa	Walnut Creek	Elected Officials (CCTA)	March 16, 2011 6:00 pm
Marin	San Rafael	Elected Officials	March 23, 2011 6:00 pm
	San Rafael	Elected Officials (TAM)	March 31, 2011 5:30 pm
	San Rafael	County Planning Directors	March 16, 2011 5:30 pm
Napa	Napa	Elected Officials (NCTPA)	April 20, 2011 1:30 pm
	Napa	Planning Directors (TAC)	April 7, 2011 2:00 pm
San Francisco	San Francisco	Elected Officials (SFCTA)	April 19, 2011 3:30 pm
	San Francisco	Elected Officials	May 5, 2011 3:00 pm
San Mateo	San Carlos	Elected Officials (C/CAG)	April 14, 2011 6:30 pm
	San Carlos	Planning Directors	April 7, 2011 10:00 am
Santa Clara	San Jose	Elected Officials (VTA PAC)	April 14, 2011
	Los Altos	Planning Directors (SCCAPO)	April 6, 2011 11:00 am
Solano	Suisun City	Elected Officials (STA)	April 20, 2011 6:00 pm
	Suisun City	County Planning Directors	March 17, 2011 12:00 pm
Sonoma	Santa Rosa	Elected Officials	April 11, 2011 2:30 pm
	Santa Rosa	Planning Directors (SCTA PAC)	April 7, 2011 9:00 am

**County Public Workshops** 

County	Date	Time	Venue
Alameda	5/19/2011	5:30-8:30 pm	David Brower Center (Berkeley)
Alameda	5/24/11	5:30-8:30 pm	Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter (Oakland)
Contra Costa	5/7/2011	9 am - noon	Concord Senior Center (Concord)
Marin	5/11/2011	5:30-8:30 pm	Embassy Suites Hotel (San Rafael)
Napa	4/28/2011	5:30-8:30 pm	Elks Lodge (Napa)
San Francisco	4/25/2011	5:30-8:30 pm	Milton Marks Conference Center (San Francisco)
San Mateo	4/27/2011	5:30-8:30 pm	San Mateo Public Library (San Mateo)
Santa Clara	4/21/2011	5:30-8:30 pm	Microsoft Corporation (Mountain View)
Solano	5/4/2011	5:30-8:30 pm	Solano County Events Center (Fairfield)
Sonoma	5/18/2011	5:30-8:30 pm	The Glaser Center (Santa Rosa)

**Community-Based Organization Events** 

County	City/Community	CBO/Type of Event	Date and Time
Alameda	East Oakland / West Oakland	Causa Justa/Just Cause Surveyed through door knocking, interviews, presentations at tenant meetings	April and May 2011
	Hayward / Union City	South Hayward Parish Surveyed at city leadership training, community fair, food pantry and at day labor center; held one community meeting	<ul> <li>April and May 2011</li> <li>Meeting on 5/23/11 7-9 pm Hayward Day Labor Center</li> </ul>
	Youth / Public Radio	Youth Radio Surveyed Youth Radio staff and participants. Produced radio commentary on Plan Bay Area	<ul> <li>Surveyed in May 2011</li> <li>Commentary was broadcast three times on 5/22/11</li> </ul>
Contra Costa	Concord	Monument Community Partnership Surveyed Service Network Team, several smaller meetings, and one community meeting	<ul> <li>April and May 2011</li> <li>Meeting on 5/18/11 6-8:30 pm Cambridge Elementary</li> </ul>
	Richmond / San Pablo	Opportunity West Surveyed at various neighborhood and tenant council meetings, a street fair, and one community meeting	<ul> <li>April and May 2011</li> <li>Meeting on 5/14/11 12-2 pm Nevin Community Center, Richmond</li> </ul>
Marin	Marin City	Grassroots Leadership Network Surveyed through presentations at other leadership meetings and one community meeting	<ul> <li>April and May 2011</li> <li>Meeting on 5/24/11 6-8 pm Marguerita Johnson Senior Center</li> </ul>

**Community-Based Organization Events (Continued)** 

County	City/Community	CBO/Type of Event	Date and Time
San Francisco	South of Market / Tenderloin	Asian, Inc. Surveyed through door knocking and presentations at other organizational functions	• April and May 2011
	Bayview Hunters Point / Mission	POWER Surveyed through community outreach at transit hubs, community clinics, Sunday Streets, and one POWER community meeting	<ul> <li>April and May 2011</li> <li>Meeting on 5/7/11 11 am-1 pm POWER offices, 4923 3<sup>rd</sup> Street</li> </ul>
San Mateo	North Fair Oaks / East Palo Alto	Housing Leadership Council Partnered with Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center to collect surveys and have a discussion at four meetings in San Mateo County	<ul> <li>Meeting on 5/7/11         <ul> <li>10 am – 12 pm</li> <li>Fair Oaks</li> <li>Community</li> <li>Center,</li> <li>Redwood City</li> </ul> </li> <li>Meeting on 5/21/11         <ul> <li>10 am-12 pm</li> <li>Faith</li> <li>Missionary</li> <li>Baptist Church,</li> <li>East Palo Alto</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	South San Francisco / San Bruno	Peninsula Conflict Resolution Ctr. Partnered with Housing Leadership Council to collect surveys and have a discussion at four meetings in San Mateo County	<ul> <li>Meeting on 5/11/11 6:30-8:30 pm Capuchino High School, San Bruno</li> <li>Meeting on 5/19/11 6:30-8:30 pm South San Francisco High School, S. San Francisco</li> </ul>

**Community-Based Organization Events (Continued)** 

County	City/Community	CBO/Type of Event	Date and Time
Santa Clara	Central San Jose	San Jose Downtown Association Surveyed through presentations at neighborhood meetings held at libraries, community centers and at City Hall in downtown San Jose	April and May 2011
	San Jose / Milpitas	Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation Surveyed through presentation at various community and service meetings, a table at the CalWorks Resource Fair, and a community meeting. Also publicized through a radio talk show.	<ul> <li>April and May 2011</li> <li>Meeting on 5/10/11 10 am-12 pm Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation offices, San Jose</li> </ul>
Solano	Dixon	Dixon Family Services Surveyed at various food banks in the county, at a community block party, and through a presentation at a senior program	April and May 2011
Sonoma	Santa Rosa / Roseland	KBBF Radio Hosted a table at the local Cinco de Mayo Festival in Roseland, Santa Rosa. Encouraged festival attendees to go to their table to complete surveys. Also publicized through an on-site taped interview with an MTC representative.	• Festival on 5/5/11 6 pm – 9 pm Roseland, Santa Rosa

# <u>Priority Transportation Investment Strategies</u> (Workshop participants voted for 4 of 11 options)

Potential Investment Strategies	Alameda [Oakland]	Alameda [Berkeley]	Contra Costa	Marin	Napa	San Francisco	San Mateo	Santa Clara	Solano	Sonoma	Regional Totals
Increase funding for most	[Oaklallu]	[Berkeley]	Costa			Francisco	Wateo	Clara			iotais
effective transit services	33	19	18	44	23	37	65	56	31	22	348
Offer more transportation	33	19	10	44	23	31	05	30	31	22	340
funds to cities that build new											
housing, and affordable											
housing, and anordable housing, near transit in											
walkable neighborhoods w/ a											
range of amenities	28	21	12	26	19	31	55	66	27	15	300
Improve bicycle and	20	21	12	20	13	01	33			15	300
pedestrian routes	32	17	10	31	20	22	43	52	13	28	268
pedestriari rodies	52	17	10	31	20	22	43	52	13	20	200
Wild Cards	54	16	11	42	7	15	26	44	21	16	252
Expand express bus and local											
bus services	25	13	16	45	11	14	37	31	20	27	239
Expand commuter rail											
services	10	10	9	22	7	13	36	26	28	21	182
Increase funding to repair or											
purchase new buses, train											
cars, tracks, etc.	12	8	10	22	1	21	23	19	9	13	138
Offer financial incentives to											
cities that preserve agricultural											
lands and open space	14	7	2	18	7	8	15	26	26	15	138
Increase funding to fix											
potholes on freeways and											
local roads	24	5	7	21	10	11	7	16	18	10	129
Widen freeways and local											
roadways	14	0	14	13	2	2	3	6	3	2	59
Make freeways more efficient											
through ramp meters and											
other technologies	3	0	6	5	4	7	5	12	11	1	54

<u>Priority Policy Initiatives</u> (Workshop participants voted for 3 of 7 options)

Potential Policy Investments	Alameda [Oakland]	Alameda [Berkeley]	Contra Costa	Marin	Napa	San Francisco	San Mateo	Santa Clara	Solano	Sonoma	Regional Totals
Wild Cards	49	13	18	37	12	24	38	28	39	29	287
New requirements for employers	21	17	4	33	25	16	47	36	25	31	255
Economic development	22	22	12	31	9	25	31	24	31	19	226
Electric vehicles	13	9	9	37	16	21	36	33	23	21	218
Pricing parking	21	15	4	20	8	24	28	43	9	10	182
Other pricing strategies	17	10	5	16	4	18	26	34	17	9	156
Changing driving habits to conserve fuel & reduce harmful											
emissions	9	2	4	18	7	6	16	19	7	9	97

Growth Priorities

Workshop participants ranked fourteen priorities, each ranked on a scale of one to five. The top three from each county are shown.

County	Top T	hree Priorities by County
Alameda	#1	Lower carbon emissions
[Berkeley]	#2	Less driving
	#3	Daily needs close to home
Alameda	#1	Daily needs close to home
[Oakland]	#2	Clean air
	#3	Convenient access to jobs
Contra Costa	#1	Convenient access to jobs
	#2	Clean air
	#3	Lower carbon emissions
Marin	#1	Clean air
	#2	Conserve open space
	#3	Lower carbon emissions
Napa	#1	Conserve water
	#2	Conserve open space
	#3	Clean air
San Francisco	#1	Daily needs close to home
	#2	Clean air
	#3	Lower carbon emissions
San Mateo	#1	Clean air
	#2	Lower carbon emissions
	#3	Less driving overall
Santa Clara	#1	Clean air
	#2	Lower carbon emissions
	#3	Less driving overall
Solano	#1	Clean air
	#2	Conserve water
	#3	Less driving overall
Sonoma	#1	Clean air
	#2	Safer access to schools
	#3	Less driving overall
Bay Area	#1	Clean air
Overall	#2	Lower carbon emissions
	#3	Conserve water

**Date:** May 19, 2011

#### Location/Venue:

David Brower Center 2150 Allston Way, Berkeley

Attendance: 63

(Note: not all who attended participated in voting during all workshop segments)

#### **Priorities Results**

Looking to the future, participants were asked to rank their priorities:

# **Rank Priority**

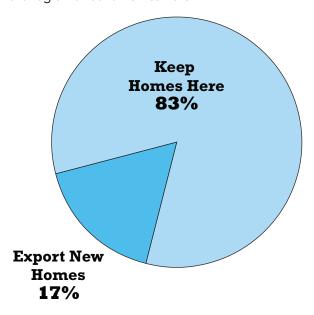
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1	Lower Carbon Emissions
2	Less Driving Overall
3	Daily Needs Close to Home
4	Clean Air

- **5** Convenient Access to Jobs
- 6 Safer Access to Schools
- 7 Conserve Open Space
- 8 More Affordable Homes
- 9 Conserve Water
- 10 Lower Costs and Taxes
- 11 Less Local Traffic
- **12** Keep my Town as it is Today
- 13 Easy and Low Cost Parking
- 14 Large Homes with Big Yards

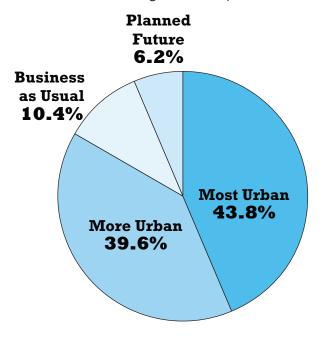


#### Where do we build?

Participants were asked where to locate new homes to accommodate new growth — export new homes outside the region or build homes here?



# How will we grow?



Participants were given 11 options for investing future transportation funding and asked to selec their top four priorities. One option was a "wild card" to allow for priorities not already listed.

Kank	Strategy
1	Offer more transportation funds to cities that
	build new housing, and affordable housing,
	near transit in walkable neighborhoods w/ a

- range of amenities

  Increase funding for most effective transit services
- 3 Improve bicycle and pedestrian routes
- 4 Wild Cards
- 5 Expand express bus and local bus services
- **6** Expand commuter rail services
- Increase funding to repair or purchase new buses, train cars, tracks, etc.
- 8 Offer financial incentives to cities that preserve agricultural lands and open space
- **9** Increase funding to fix potholes on freeways and local roads
- Make freeways more efficient through ramp meters and other technologies\*
- 11 Widen freeways and local roadways\*

# Transportation Investment Strategies "Wild Cards" (summary of comments)

- Safety/Violence prevention so that people can walk and bike in all communities
- Make public transit safe and reliable
- Raise the gas tax
- Congestion pricing
- More schedule, route and fare information at bus stops
- Transferable development rights
- Increase funding for the most cost-effective and carbon-efficient transit (buses, not BART or ferries)
- Solve the transit operations cost problem lower costs and reliable funding
- Fund the non-transportation infrastructure (including schools) to support Priority Development Areas and Growth Opportunity Areas

### **Priority Policy Initiatives**

Participants were given 7 options for new policies that could be adopted (at the local, regional, state or federal level) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. One option was a "wild card" to allow for priorities not already listed.

#### Rank Initiatives

- 1 Economic development (e.g., strategies to protect existing jobs, create new jobs, or preserve warehouse/industrial sites)
- New requirements for employers (e.g. allow employees to work from home one day per week, allow employees to pay for transit with pre-tax dollars, etc.)
- Pricing parking (e.g. allow employees to work from home one day per week, allow employees to pay for transit tickets with pre-tax dollars, etc.)
- **4** Wild Cards (for ideas not already proposed)
- **5** Other pricing strategies (e.g., charge tolls on new express lanes, or charge a new fee based on annual miles driven)
- 6 Electric vehicles (e.g., subsidize the purchase/ lease of electric vehicles and hybrids, increase availability of electric vehicle chargers)
- 7 Changing driving habits to conserve fuel & reduce harmful emissions (e.g., reduce maximum speeds to 55 mph, educate drivers to drive at even speeds, remove heavy objects from trunks to save fuel and reduce harmful emissions)

# Policy Initiatives "Wild Cards"

- Change speed limit to 55 mph on freeways and 20 mph in local neighborhoods
- Set aside space for local agriculture that supplies community-based, healthy food establishments
- Promote a regional, fixed-rate transit pass
- Discount transit fares for those who ride the most
- Offer fixed-fee, all-day transit passes
- Revenue sharing across the Bay Area
- Provide for tax subsidies for fuel efficiency and fewer miles driven
- Reduce local traffic congestion on major thoroughfares
- Support land-use policies that allow us to produce diverse goods and services within our own region.
- Dedicate lands for buses and bikes to calm traffic
- Unbundle parking requirements from housing developments
- Full road pricing (versus express lanes)

<sup>\*</sup> zero votes

Date: May 24, 2011

#### Location/Venue:

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter 101 8th Street, Oakland

Attendance: 103

(Note: not all who attended participated in voting during all workshop segments)

#### **Priorities Results**

Looking to the future, participants were asked to rank their priorities:

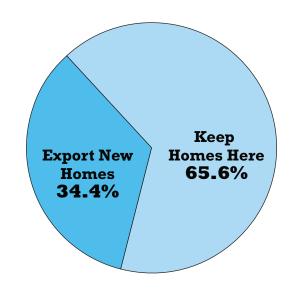
### **Rank Priority**

- 1 Daily Needs Close to Home2 Clean Air
- 3 Convenient Access to Jobs
- 4 Conserve Water
- 5 Lower Carbon Emissions
- 6 Less Driving Overall
- 7 Safer Access to Schools
- 8 More Affordable Homes
- **9** Conserve Open Space
- 10 Lower Costs and Taxes
- 11 Keep my Town as it is Today
- 12 Large Homes with Big Yards
- 13 Less Local Traffic
- 14 Easy and Low Cost Parking

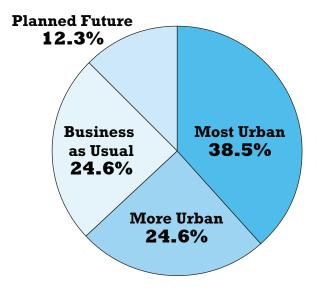


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# How will we grow?



Participants were given 11 options for investing future transportation funding and asked to selec their top four priorities. One option was a "wild card" to allow for priorities not already listed.

Rank	Strategy
1	Wild Cards
2	Increase funding for most effective transit services
3	Improve bicycle and pedestrian routes
4	Offer more transportation funds to cities that build new housing, and affordable housing, near transit in walkable neighborhoods w/ a range of amenities
5	Expand express bus and local bus services
6	Increase funding to repair or purchase new buses, train cars, tracks, etc.
7	Widen freeways and local roadways*
7	Offer financial incentives to cities that preserve agricultural lands and open space*
9	Increase funding to fix potholes on freeways and local roads
10	Expand commuter rail services
11	Make freeways more efficient through ramp meters and other technologies

<sup>\*</sup> tie vote

# Transportation Investment Strategies "Wild Cards" (summary of comments)

- Have long-term parking at edge of shopping areas with clean-fuel shuttles to main street
- Increase funding of most effective transit, taking into account actual user preferences
- Improve road surfaces to resist potholes
- Monitor overweight vehicles that cause potholes
- Remove carpool lanes
- More funding for school infrastructure
- Grants to cities with major regional corridors to add street trees, widen sidewalks, create pocket parks, etc.
- Fund preservation of open space
- Use revenue to offset fees for permits and streamline development
- Charge a fee based on vehicle-miles traveled
- Free/subsidized transit to low-income households, seniors and youth
- Privatize transit

### **Priority Policy Initiatives**

Participants were given 7 options for new policies that could be adopted (at the local, regional, state or federal level) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. One option was a "wild card" to allow for priorities not already listed.

Rank	Initiatives
1	Wild Cards (for ideas not already proposed)
2	Economic development (e.g., strategies to protect existing jobs, create new jobs, or preserve warehouse/industrial sites)*
3	New requirements for employers (e.g. allow employees to work from home one day per week, allow employees to pay for transit with pre-tax dollars, etc.)*
3	Pricing parking (e.g. allow employees to work from home one day per week, allow employees to pay for transit tickets with pre-tax dollars, etc.)*
5	Other pricing strategies (e.g., charge tolls on new express lanes, or charge a new fee based on annual miles driven)*
6	Electric vehicles (e.g., subsidize the purchase/ lease of electric vehicles and hybrids, increase availability of electric vehicle chargers)
7	Changing driving habits to conserve fuel & reduce harmful emissions (e.g., reduce maximum speeds to 55 mph, educate drivers to drive at even speeds, remove heavy objects from trunks to save fuel and reduce harmful emissions)

# Policy Initiatives "Wild Cards"

- Protect private property rights
- No restrictions for high-density development
- Lower taxes and fees, fewer regulations
- Eliminate parking minimums and set maximums
- Subsidize student transit passes using Clipper cards
- Promote location-efficient mortgages
- Incentivize new jobs, including in transit corridors
- Promote affordable housing near transit
- More parking near employment centers
- Streetcars for "last-mile" service from BART, Capitols
- More public education and events
- Transit fare discounts for frequent riders
- Renounce eminent domain
- No new requirements for employers
- Incorporate regional priorities into local land use decisions
- Tax carbon emissions, raise gas tax

# Contra Costa County

Date: May 7, 2011

#### Location/Venue:

Concord Senior Center 2727 Parkside Circle, Concord

Attendance: 63

(Note: not all who attended participated in voting during all workshop segments)

#### **Priorities Results**

Looking to the future, participants were asked to rank their priorities:

Rank	Priority
1	Convenient Access to Jobs
2	Clean Air
3	Lower Carbon Emissions
4	Daily Needs Close to Home
5	Conserve Open Space
6	Conserve Water
7	Less Driving Overall
8	Safer Access to Schools

- Lower Costs and Taxes 10
- Less Local Traffic 11

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12 Keep my Town as it is Today

More Affordable Homes

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#### Where do we build?

Participants were asked where to locate new homes to accommodate new growth — export new homes outside the region or build homes here?

> Note: This portion of the meeting was not completed at the Concord Workshop

### How will we grow?

Participants were asked to choose a preferred scenario for future growth, with "Business as Usual" carrying forward past development patterns, "Planned Future" reflecting adopted MTC and ABAG plans, and "More Urban" and "Most Urban" applying increasingly higher concentrations of housing and development.

> Note: This portion of the meeting was not completed at the Concord Workshop

# Contra Costa County (continued)

# **Priority Transportation Investment Strategies**

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Rank	Strategy
1	Increase funding for most effective
	transit services
2	Expand express bus and local bus services
3	Widen freeways and local roadways
4	Offer more transportation funds to cities that build new housing, and affordable housing, near transit in walkable neighborhoods w/ a range of amenities
5	Wild Cards (for ideas not already proposed)
6	Increase funding to repair or purchase new buses, train cars, tracks, etc.*
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10	Make freeways more efficient through ramp meters and other technologies
11	Offer financial incentives to cities that preserve agricultural lands and open space

<sup>\*</sup> tie vote

# Transportation Investment Strategies "Wild Cards" (summary of comments)

- Fund local economic development
- Use revenues to uncover waste in government
- Bike routes to BART
- Privatize transit
- Allow property owners to do what they want
- High population will already encourage private development
- Maintain and expand BART
- Promote electric buses

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5	Changing driving habits to conserve fuel & reduce harmful emissions (e.g., reduce maximum speeds to 55 mph, educate drivers to drive at even speeds, remove heavy objects from trunks to save fuel and reduce harmful emissions)*
7	Pricing parking (e.g., charge for parking at work sites, charge higher rates during busy periods to free up more spaces and reduce vehicle idling)

# Policy Initiatives "Wild Cards"

- Promote mixed-use infill development
- Reform CEQA
- Denounce eminent domain
- Look to Denmark's bicycle-friendly policies as a model
- Promote people-centered development (not auto-centered)
- None of the above
- Promote jitneys
- Mining for lithium and using coals for electric vehicles is worse than oil
- Less taxes, regulation and planning
- Promote private development
- Protect and fund maintenance of vital resource areas
- Encourage and fund green transportation
- Eliminate zoning restrictions
- Improve fuel efficiency for all vehicles
- Pricing strategies that don't just benefit the wealthy (like tolls on express lanes)
- Encourage, don't require, employers to promote alternatives to driving for workers

# **Marin County**

Date: May 11, 2011

#### Location/Venue:

Embassy Suites Hotel 101 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael

Attendance: 113

(Note: not all who attended participated in voting during all workshop segments)

#### **Priorities Results**

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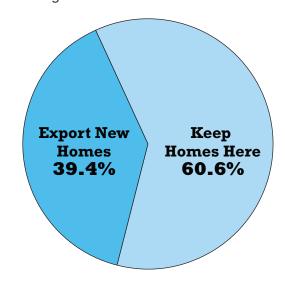
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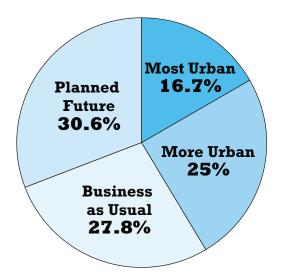


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<sup>\*</sup> tie vote

# **Transportation Investment Strategies**"Wild Cards" (summary of comments)

- Fund school buses, Safe Routes to School, student transit passes
- Incentives for electric car/charging stations
- Eliminate bridge tolls for 3+ carpools, promote rideshare
- Bus rapid transit
- More paratransit
- Reduce state regulations and taxes that drive businesses and jobs out of California
- Subsidize electric bikes
- Stop using extortion in the form of monies to communities that do what you want
- Turn funds back. Plan for the money we have now.
   No more debt.
- More parking in downtowns
- Make freeway off-ramps safer
- Privatize transportation

#### **Priority Policy Initiatives**

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- Electric vehicles (e.g., subsidize the purchase/ lease of electric vehicles and hybrids, increase availability of electric vehicle chargers)\*
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# Policy Initiatives "Wild Cards"

- Reduce school-related traffic
- Local planning vs. regional mandates
- Bring back value-based vehicle reg fees
- Raise the gas tax; proceeds to reduce national debt
- Solve problems without spending money
- Mitigation fees for housing
- Reduce regulations and taxes that strangle businesses
- Impose a carbon tax
- Promote electric vehicles
- Deregulate taxis
- More transit, not more housing
- More individual choice, less bureaucrat planning
- Facilitate movement of trucks
- Tax credit for reducing vehicle-miles traveled

# Napa County

Date: April 28, 2011

#### Location/Venue:

Elks Lodge

2840 Soscol Avenue, Napa

Attendance: 38

(Note: not all who attended participated in voting during all workshop segments)

#### **Priorities Results**

Looking to the future, participants were asked to rank their priorities:

# **Rank Priority**

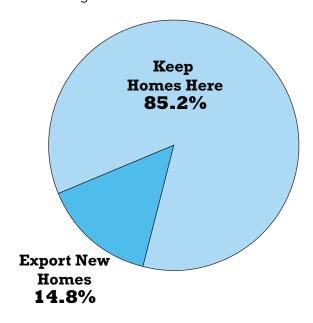
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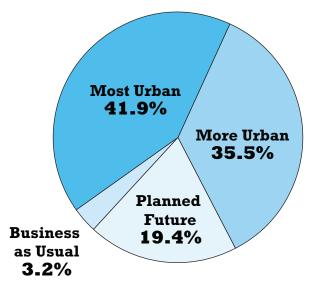


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9	Make freeways more efficient through ramp meters and other technologies
10	Widen freeways and local roadways
11	Increase funding to repair or purchase new buses, train cars, tracks, etc.

<sup>\*</sup> tie vote

# **Transportation Investment Strategies**"Wild Cards" (summary of comments)

- More bike routes
- More pedestrian routes/improved sidewalks
- More incentives to encourage use of public transit
- The less development, the better (support incentives for conservation of ag lands and open space)
- Consolidate or unify transit agencies
- Signal priority for transit vehicles

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# Policy Initiatives "Wild Cards"

- Mandate mixed-use development
- Adopt urban limit lines to preserve ag lands and open space
- Develop policies for transportation and housing that promote public health
- Institute staggered work hours
- Pass a regional gas tax
- More policies to encourage bicycle transportation
- Encourage affordable transit-oriented development
- Not enthused about any of the proposals I've heard
- Adopt Business Improvement District or other assessment district to fund public transit infrastructure
- Encourage more housing near jobs
- Provide incentives for employers that locate near housing

**Date:** April 25, 2011

#### Location/Venue:

Milton Marks Conference Center 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco

Attendance: 52

(Note: not all who attended participated in voting during all workshop segments)

#### **Priorities Results**

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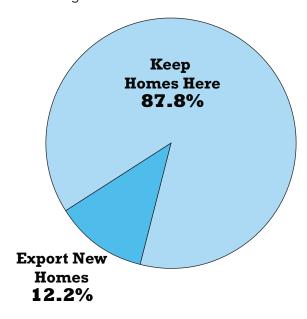
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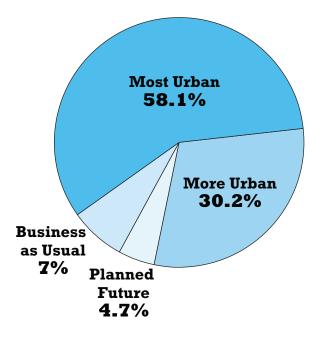


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# Transportation Investment Strategies "Wild Cards" (summary of comments)

- Provide economic development incentives
- Reduce transit fares
- Create regional transit "Czar" agency
- Engage in community zoning changes
- Eliminate Central Subway project/fund other transit
- Expand beyond ADA to improve access for people with disabilities
- Fund smaller buses and shuttles for neighborhoods
- Align funding with current job centers
- Fund no-cost transit transfers, coordinate all fares and schedules
- Extra funds for cities that rezone to minimize auto travel
- Fund "road diets" and urban freeway removal
- Extra funding to ensure no displacement of current residents
- Fund purchase of small vehicles for neighborhood transportation

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# Policy Initiatives "Wild Cards"

- Tax corporate polluters to pay for public transit
- Gas tax/carbon tax (but offset impacts to lowincome)
- Incentivize affordable housing
- Regional parking policy to reduce greenhouse gases
- Promote car sharing and carpooling
- Encourage economic development
- Convert at least one lane on all freeways to a HOT lane
- Toll all highways
- Eliminate employer-provided free parking
- Promote electric vehicles/charging stations

Date: April 27, 2011

#### Location/Venue:

San Mateo Public Library 55 West 3rd Street, San Mateo

Attendance: 94

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#### **Priorities Results**

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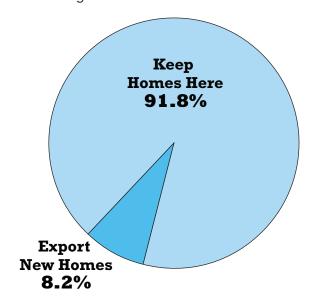
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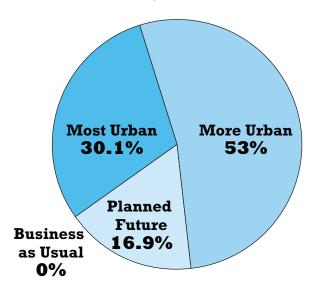


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# Transportation Investment Strategies "Wild Cards" (summary of comments)

- Convert auto lanes for transit and bicycle use
- Restore creek corridors for urban agriculture (reduce freight and create jobs)
- Improve neighborhood, transit security
- More employment-related mixed-use development
- Fund childcare near transit and work sites
- Fund car sharing, more carpool lanes
- Fund workplace shuttles to transit
- Build more electric vehicle charging stations
- More funding for Safe Routes to Schools
- Stop high-speed rail at San Jose and connect to BART
- Capture the increased value from up-zoned real estate near commuter rail and intermodal nodes
- More ferry service

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# Policy Initiatives "Wild Cards"

- Unbundle the cost of parking
- Increase the gas tax
- Implement child-friendly policies for transit and development, developer fees for childcare
- Lower parking requirements for new development
- Higher taxes/fees for fuel-inefficient vehicles
- Require gas mileage indicator in all cars to show how to save fuel and curb emissions
- Implement London-style cordon pricing
- Promote 511 public information kiosks at all transit stations
- Develop sustainable funding source for efficient and convenient public transit
- More "carrots" (incentives) for employers and less "sticks" (requirements)
- Institute congestion pricing and tolls and use the revenue for free transit passes for residents in Priority Development Areas and Growth Opportunity Areas
- Subsidize car maintenance
- Promote economic development

Date: April 21, 2011

#### Location/Venue:

Microsoft Corporation 1065 La Avenida Street, Mountain View

Attendance: 115

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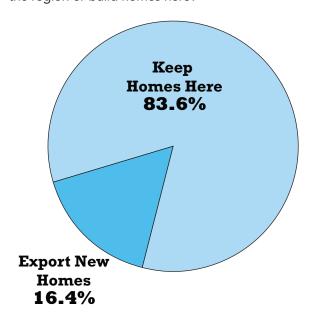
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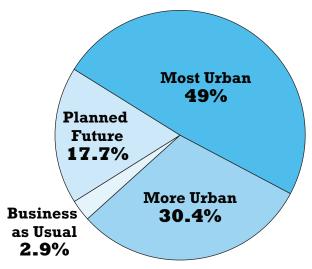


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# Transportation Investment Strategies "Wild Cards" (summary of comments)

- Provide more paratransit alternatives
- Fund alternative fuel transit fleets
- Fund podcar development and deployment, personal transportation
- Funding to address equity issues associated with development
- Subsidize affordable housing near transit
- Fund transportation demand management strategies
- Fund community centers, libraries, public spaces
- Fund program to reward developers who bring new infrastructure to implement public investments
- Incentivize communities that restrict parking in employment centers
- Offer transportation funds to cities that provide for increased employment near transit
- Safe areas for work, school and transit
- Build an efficient network of the most inexpensive transit (shuttles, bus, etc.)
- Financial incentives for community services in downtowns

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# Policy Initiatives "Wild Cards"

- Unbundle parking
- Regional tax sharing
- Consolidate transit agencies
- Financial incentives for carless residents/giveaway quality bikes
- Reduce minimum parking requirements on new development
- Incentives for employers, not requirements, to get workers out of cars and operate more sustainably
- Address equity issues associated with high-density development
- Promote employer car-loan programs
- Gas tax/carbon (with rebate for low-income residents)
- Increase average mpg-low carbon fuel strategies, not just electric cars
- Development fees in suburbs to fund better transit and affordable housing
- Promote "Complete Communities"
- Ease up on heavy-handed regulation; we've made progress over the years

**Date:** May 4, 2011

#### Location/Venue:

Solano County Events Center 601 Texas Street, Conference Room A, Fairfield

Attendance: 86

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#### **Priorities Results**

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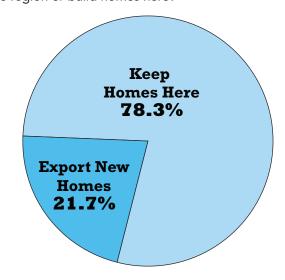
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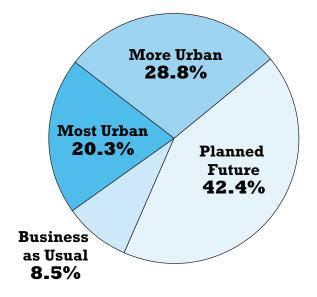


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# Transportation Investment Strategies "Wild Cards" (summary of comments)

- Funds for cities that build job centers
- Solano has lots of housing, fund incentives for jobs
- Public/private partnerships
- Funding for preventive maintenance
- Fund infrastructure to support density
- Car-sharing programs at transit hubs
- Incentives to integrate regional transit fares, schedules, Clipper passes
- Fund bicycle lanes and bicycle programs
- Fund incentives for clean-fuel vehicles

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- Increase the vehicle registration to fund roads/ transit
- Research and implement alternative fuels beyond gas and electric
- Promote reuse of gray water
- New incentives, not requirements, for employers to encourage more sustainable operations and use of alternative modes of travel by workers
- Incentives for jobs over housing
- Incentives for carpooling
- Cut regulations for job-generating projects
- Change law so that revenue increases can be approved by a simple majority vote
- Reduce requirements for employers
- Increase the gas tax
- Implement new green jobs program and pay for it with a carbon tax
- Charge toll on new express lanes
- Cooperative purchasing of new, clean vehicles

# Sonoma County

**Date:** May 18, 2011

#### Location/Venue:

The Glaser Center

547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa

# Attendance: 85

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#### **Priorities Results**

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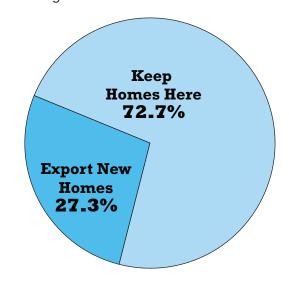
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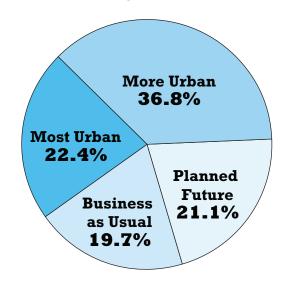


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# **Transportation Investment Strategies**"Wild Cards" (summary of comments)

- Incentives for carpools and vanpools
- Fund car vouchers for disabled patrons for emergency transportation on nights/weekend/holidays
- Mini-buses, shuttles for short local trips
- Appropriate road development for appropriate housing growth, especially rural
- Funding to help cities lower fees and decrease land use restrictions for builders who invest without public funds
- Fund economic development
- Free bus passes for seniors, students, certain employees
- Link all neighborhoods with bike lanes/greenways

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- Adopt policy to encourage public/private partnerships for incentivizing infrastructure and private development investment
- Incentives for fleet turnover to greener energy
- Eliminate unnecessary agencies with unelected boards
- Incentives versus requirements for many of these proposals
- Incentivize local food production
- Raise the gas tax
- Greenhouse gases don't matter
- Less restrictions for new small businesses
- Congestion-pricing on all roads
- Gauges in all vehicles to show fuel efficiency to promote saving fuel and reducing emissions
- Promote local economic development
- Tax credits for saving energy
- Maximize use of private, nonprofit and public vehicles through "mobility management"